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REMEMBER

The friendly business firms who are patronizing the Labor Advocate and endeavoring to show their good will and sincerity through the columns of this paper, the official journal, deserve the patronage of loyal members of organized labor, and will be remembered by them on every shopping trip.

PUCHTA'S FIRST APPOINTMENTS.

Mayor-elect Puchta has named Hon. Chas. F. Hornberger as Director of Public Service, while the new Director of the Safety Department will be Walter J. Friedlander, the well-known manufacturer and banker.

At a glance it is easy to see that the selections for these two important offices have been made with an eye to fitness and capacity and Mr. Puchta is to be congratulated upon his selections, as these should go a long way towards convincing the citizens of Cincinnati that "a business administration for the city" is to be a reality rather than that political influences will govern.

Mr. Hornberger has long been prominent in the councils of the Republican party and is popular alike with all classes of citizens, regardless of party affiliation and the Service Department could not be in better hands.

Mr. Hornberger has always been fair to organized labor, and no doubt will prove a friend in his new office.

Mr. Friedlander has never been particularly active in politics, although he has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the city and has done much for his party. He has long been identified with financial affairs and is president of the Hissey-Wolf Machine Company. He is a man of large experience and more than ordinary executive ability.

Now that Mayor-elect Puchta has announced definitely that these selections have been made and accepted, the people will be able to form an intelligent idea as to how the affairs of the city will be conducted during the next two years and the atmosphere at the city hall has already cleared to some extent, although it is yet too early to predict what changes in the two departments will be made.

AN ENDORSEMENT OF COPELAN.

Safety Director Holmes and Chief of Police Copelan were surprised at the City Hall by a delegation of business men, who called to compliment them upon the manner in which the Police Department has been conducted during the past year.

Safety Director Holmes and Chief of Police Copelan thanked the delegation for their appreciation of the efforts made by the department.

The delegation included Business Men's Club, Captain J. J. Conway, chairman; Ralph H. Coney, William S. McKenzie, Louis J. Merkel, Arthur E. Jones and Harry L. Gordon; Chamber of Commerce, Thomas W. Allen, Morris Freiberg, T. J. Egan, E. C. Gibbs, George Lewis, Walter Wichgar, Robert Hochstetter, Fred W. Schwenk, R. A. Colter and John A. Devere; Industrial Association, Otto Armleder, Harry Suydam and Harry Lewin; Cincinnati Metal Trades, J. C. Hobart, George Stewart, Oscar Mueller, S. P. Egan and P. O. Geier.

This is a decided endorsement of Colonel Copelan.

No Chief of Police ever received a higher compliment as to the standing of the police under him, and it speaks well for the city of Cincinnati.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WILLIS AND TURNER

Recent events at the state capital have caused thinking men to make comparisons between the acts and promises of men now holding the highest offices in the state and the conclusion is inevitable that like the seasons, the minds of men change, at least some men undergo changes, which cause them to forget their campaign promises. A striking example of this is shown in Mr. Willis, who made the most flattering promises to labor organizations when he was a candidate and who has failed, absolutely, to regard those promises since his election to the highest office within the gift of the people of Ohio.

There are exceptions to all rules and to some men, a promise is sacred and it is both refreshing and gratifying to note the manner in which Attorney General Turner is living up to his campaign promises. Unlike Mr. Willis, at that time the future attorney general of the state, could promise little other than a rigid enforcement of the laws; this he did promise and the people, believing him, elected him.

That Mr. Turner intended to carry out this promise has been shown in many ways since his inauguration and the fact was emphasized within

the past few days by his bringing action against the liability concerns which have been permitted to do business in this state in defiance of law and under licenses granted by an appointee of Willis and with the approval of Willis, these licenses giving the liability sharks the right to kill the workmen's compensation law.

It is clear that Mr. Turner was not consulted by the insurance commissioner as to the legality of the workmen's compensation act and that the issuance of licenses would not have been made had he been consulted. Mr. Turner was elected by the people, while Mr. Taggart was appointed by the governor. Mr. Turner was sincere in his pre-election promises, while Mr. Willis has shown great ability in overriding laws and forgetting promises. Mr. Willis has not forgotten the promise which he made to the insurance lobby and court house loafers and is backing Taggart in the effort to kill the workmen's compensation act. Willis has squared himself with the lawbreakers at the expense of organized labor and common decency, while Turner has shown that his word can be depended upon and that so long as he is attorney general of the state, the laws will be enforced.

Mr. Turner is devoted to the legal profession and regards it as the sacred duty of the lawyer to promote the interests of his client, so long as this can be done by a strict adherence to the true principles of law and such a man is worthy of the support of honest men everywhere. He has no patience with the common herd of legal sharks who involve ignorant people in trouble for the sake of a fee and his entire record as a practicing attorney and public official shows him to be honest, determined and unrelenting in his efforts to bring justice to those who entrust their interests to him.

When former Governor Cox assisted in passing the workmen's compensation act, the Green screen law and other measures calculated to improve the condition of the workmen of Ohio, he endeared himself to all friends of organized labor. He was slandered, abused and defeated at the polls by the same gang which Willis is now supporting in its attack on the workmen's compensation law. Not only has organized labor learned a lesson, but manufacturers and business men have been watching the trend of public opinion and if the Republicans hope to win at the next election they will place Willis on a side track and nominate some man like Edward C. Turner, a tried and proven man, for no other can draw the vote of organized labor from James M. Cox, who is certain to receive the Democratic nomination, and who has already proven that the people may rely upon his promises.

EASY MONEY

Nicholas Curtis, of Wyoming, O., member of the Chamber of Commerce, was jostled by four men in a Union Central Building elevator Wednesday. On leaving the lift he missed \$50. The men had seen him draw the money from the bank. R. J. H. Archibald, custodian of the Chamber of Commerce, ran to the street and saw the men turning a corner, but lost the trail.

PLUMBERS RAISE WAGES.

Macon, Ga.—Plumbers have raised wages to \$5 for an eight-hour day without suspending work. Retail clerks, chauffeurs and laundry workers are discussing organization and it is believed locals in these callings will be formed in the near future.

CARPENTERS WANT 8 HOURS.

Baltimore.—Carpenters in this city are demanding \$4.50 for an eight-hour day, beginning the first of the year. The present rate is \$3.50. These workers say Baltimore ranks among the leading cities, near the fifty mark in wages and sixth in population.

SHEET METAL WORKERS STRIKE.

Providence, R. I.—Because employers ignored their demand for a wage increase, over 100 sheet metal workers suspended work. They have been joined by other employees and the plants are completely tied up.

HUGE WASTE IN FARMING.

Washington.—United States Senator Fletcher has called a meeting of the National Marketing Committee to devise means to aid the farmer in marketing his products, and also to enable the consumer to distinguish between the high cost of food and the high cost of service.

"The farmers of this country are producing annually crops for which they receive \$9,000,000,000, and for which the consumer pays \$27,000,000,000," said Representative W. S. Goodwin, of Arkansas, a member of the committee. "The farmer gets 35 cents and the middlemen get 65 cents for each dollar the consumer pays for the farmer's crops. There is an enormous amount of waste, especially in perishable products, because of the lack of some central directing intelligence."

Locusts.

Indians call locusts "little horses," and the German term for these pests is "hay horses."

Poor Chap.

Poet—What happened to your author friend?

Editor—Has had hard luck, poor fellow; sent a fiery article to a powder magazine, and it blew up before he got his money.—New York Globe.

STREET CAR MEN ADVANCE.

Framingham, Mass.—The Street Car Men's Union has reduced the discrimination in rates for motormen and conductors two years. In the miscellaneous departments it shortens the service day from 10 to 9 hours, except in the power house, where eight hours has been the rule. Wage rates of these different classes are increased 5 to 10 per cent. Wages for motormen and conductors are increased 2 cents per hour for the first six months; 4 cents for the fifth year service men, and 3 cents for all others.

Hazleton, Pa.—The company operating the Lehigh Traction company and the Wilkes-Barre & Hazleton line has raised wages of these employees 1 cent and 2 cents an hour, respectively.

Charleston, S. C.—The Consolidated company and the Street Car Men's Union have signed a one-year contract. The old rates were 17, 19, 20 and 21 cents. The new rates are 18, 20, 22 and 24 cents.

Chicago.—The fight of 365,000 railroad men for an eight-hour day without decrease of pay was launched today at a joint convention.

Seventy-two delegates, representing the Brotherhood of Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Locomotive Engineers, Order of Railway Conductors, and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, convened to frame demands on every railroad in the United States.

Warren S. Stone, Grand Chief of the Engineers, today said negotiations with the railroad managements will be "firm, but friendly."

"In other words," he said, "we're going to the mat, but we're not waving any red flags."

For work more than eight hours, time and a half will be demanded. The present agreement expires April 19.

FIVE-DAY WEEK FOR WINTER.

San Francisco.—Five days a week during the winter season is the new rule announced by the Varnishers' and Polishers' Union, which is attempting to equalize work. The painters' unions of this city are working under the same rule.

EIGHT HOUR DAY APRIL 1.

Madison, Wis.—Striking machinists at the Steile Machine Company's plant have returned to work. The management has promised an eight hour day with ten hours' pay after April 1. The union has increased its membership nearly ten-fold within the past few months.

Language of Flowers.

"Do you know anything about the language of flowers?"

"Only this much—a five dollar box of roses talks a heap louder to a girl than a fifty-cent bunch of carnations."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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